

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1-19 are rejected. Claims 1, 8, 9, 14, 17, and 19 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced into the application. As explained in more detail below, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 15-16 and 19 are again rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wells et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,870,683), in view of Kalra et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,953,506). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following Remarks.

The Office Action alleges the '506 patent teaches display resolution alteration. The Applicants respectfully submit that the reference does not teach the generation or alteration techniques that are performed in a handheld wireless communication device as currently recited in the claims. For example, amended claim 1 recites "the generating an animation in a wireless handheld communication device by editing at least one image in a sequence of images previously stored within the wireless handheld communication device" wherein the successive displaying is performed "in said wireless handheld communication device". (*See also*; amended claims 8 and 19) This is distinctly different that the teachings of the '506 patent, which states:

In order to obtain the objects recited above, among others, the present invention provides an apparatus and method for encoding, storing, transmitting and decoding multimedia information in the form of scalable, streamed digital data. A base stream containing basic informational content and subsequent streams containing additive informational content are initially created from standard digital multimedia data by a transcoder. Client computers, each of which may have different configurations and capabilities are capable of accessing a stream server that contains the scalable streamed digital data. Each different client computer, therefore, may access different stream combinations according to a profile associated with each different client computer. Thus, the streams accessed from the server are tailored to match the profile of each client computer so that the best combination of streams can be provided to maximize the

resolution of the 3D, audio and video components. Since different stream combinations can be accessed, this advantageously allows for the various combinations of content and resolution that are tailored to match that of the specific client computer. If desired, however, the profile can be further adapted to increase the resolution of certain characteristics, such as sound, at the expense of other characteristics, such as video.

(Summary of the Invention; Col. 2, ll. 27-50; emphasis added). Thus, there is no teaching of at least the generation of an animation as claimed in the “in a wireless handheld communication device”.

In fact, according to the ‘506 patent, a stream management module “will obtain a desired resolution profile from a multimedia device 22 and, based upon that desired resolution profile, select the appropriate base and additive streams from the adaptive digital data streams.” (Col. 4, lines 25 – 30). There is no indication that the wireless handheld communication device or users of such a device may edit any images or animation contained in the received data streams. (See, e.g., page 3, lines 5 – 9; “changing said bitmap pattern under control of the user of the communication terminal...transferring the changes to the remaining images of the sequence.”) Rather, the ‘506 patent merely states that the data streams are “decoded and then displayed for the user to experience.” (Col. 4, lines 31 – 32).

As recognized by the Office Action dated December 28, 2005, Wells also fails to teach the optimization of display resolution. Therefore, for at least these reasons, neither the ‘683 patent nor the ‘506 patent teach, disclose, or suggest, individually or in combination, the subject matter of claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 15-16, and 19, and any of their dependent claims. Therefore, in view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 2, 6-7, 9, 12-14, and 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,870,683 to Wells et al., (“the ‘683 patent”) and U.S. Pat. No. 5,953,506 to Kalra et al., (“the ‘506 patent”) as applied to claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 15-16, and 19, in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,516,202 to Hawkins et al., (“the ‘202 patent”), and further in view of the GIF Construction Set Professional Manual, referred to herein as GCSPM, and the GIF

Construction Set Professional Homepage, referred to herein as GCSPH. The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection in view of the Remarks below.

As set forth above, neither the '683 patent nor the '506 patent teach, disclose, or even suggest the limitations of the claims from which the rejected claims rely upon. Applicants respectfully submit that merely applying the additional references teaches, discloses, or suggests the subject matter of the rejected claims. Also, the '202 patent is merely directed to an "organizer designed for a cellular telephone expansion" (the '202 patent, Summary of the Invention, Col. 1, line 44) and the GCSPM is directed to an "application for creating animated and transparent GIF files for [a] web page." (GCSPM, page 1). The Office Action further asserts the "loop block" of GCSPM, which has an iterations argument that defines the number of times said animation will loop meets this limitation.

Applicants respectfully submit that applying the "loop block" of GCSPM with the streams of the '506 patent may merely allow the repetition of a stream already generated and altered on a server side and does not teach or suggest at least the "generating" or "altering" techniques as discussed above. Again, nowhere in the GCSPM is there any reference to a cellular phone or any of the limitations of the independent claims from which the rejected claims depend. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed, applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number set forth below.

Applicant believes there is no fee due in association with the filing of this response, however, should there be any fees due the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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